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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
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File No.: LA0119253  
AI No.: 116698  
Activity No.: PER20030001

Mr. Mitch Masterson  
Plains Exploration & Production Company  
SL 17379 No. 2 Well  
717 Texas, Suite 2100  
Houston, TX 77002

RE: Notice of Intent to Terminate Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit number LA0119253 issued to Pogo Producing Company (now owned by Plains Exploration & Production Company), for SL 17379 No. 2 Well, an existing oil and gas exploration, development, and production operations facility located in West Delta Area Block 54 Field, approximately 19.3 miles southwest of Venice, Plaquemines Parish.

Dear Mr. Masterson:

The Office of Environmental Services (Office) received your request to terminate LPDES permit number LA0119253 on December 9, 2008. LPDES permit number LA0119253 was effective on May 1, 2004, and expired on April 30, 2009. It is understood that Plains Exploration & Production Company purchased Pogo Producing Company in November 2007. It is also understood that Plains Exploration & Production Company has not operated at the property associated with this permit. This Office has made a tentative decision to terminate LPDES permit number LA0119253 in accordance with LAC 33:IX.2907.A.5.

This Office will publish a public notice one time in the local newspaper of general circulation, and in the Department of Environmental Quality Public Notice Mailing List. A copy of the public notice containing the specific requirements for commenting to this draft permit action will be sent under separate cover at the time the public notice is arranged. In accordance with LAC 33:IX.6521.A, the applicant shall receive and is responsible for paying the invoice(s) from the newspaper(s). LAC 33:IX.6521 states, "...The costs of publication shall be borne by the applicant."

Should you have any questions concerning any part of this NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE, please contact Gene Jarreau, Office of Environmental Services, at the address on the bottom of this page, or telephone (225) 219-3080. To ensure that all correspondence regarding this facility is properly filed, please reference your Agency Interest number 116698 and LPDES permit number LA0119253 on all future correspondence to this Department.

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Sincerely,



Jesse Chang  
Environmental Scientist Manager  
Industrial Water Permits Section

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Attachment: Statement of Basis

c: Gene Jarreau  
Water Permits Division

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ec: Southeast Regional Office  
Office of Environmental Compliance

Jenniffer Sheppard  
Water Permits Division

Public Participation Group (For Public Notice)  
Office of Environmental Assistance